

REMARKS

In response to the Non-Final Office Action dated 1 September 2005, Applicant offers this amendment and remarks. Reexamination and reevaluation of the application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

At page 6 of the Office Action, the Examiner noted that claims 34, 37-40, 46-51, 55, and 56 are allowed. Also, the Examiner noted that claims 3, 5, 7, 10-16, 20, 21, 23, 25, 26, 29, 31, 33 42-45, and 54 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicant respectfully submits that the remaining claims place the case in a position for allowance as noted by the Examiner at page 6. Please note that in the newly added independent claims 57-64, each new claim corresponds to a previously presented claim as follows: claim 57: cls. 1, 4, 5; claim 58: cls. 1, 6, 7; claim 59: cls. 17, 22, 23; claim 60: cls. 24, 26; claim 61: cls. 24, 27, 29; claim 62: cls. 24, 31; claim 63: cls. 24, 33; claim 64: cls. 41, 45. The newly added claims 57-64 represent claims that the Examiner has indicated are allowable.

Accordingly, applicant has canceled claims 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 18, 19, 20, 22, 23, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 31, 33, 35, 36, 42, 45, 53, 54 without prejudice nor disclaimer as to the subject matter contained therein. The remaining claims, namely claims 1, 8, 11-17, 21, 24, 30, 32, 34, 37-41, 43-44, 46-52 and 55-64 are now in a position for allowance.

If it would aid in disposition of this matter, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned. Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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